

REVISED - May's BAA Artists' News Newsletter

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BAA ARTIST NEWS

May 2023

Encouraging creativity in visual arts and serving the community since 1950.

EDITORS NOTE: We have revised the May BAA NEWS newsletter to reflect edits, changes, additional content, and updated information. The changes are in the **following sections listed in red** for your convenience. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

PLUS: Remember to attend fellow BAA Member Matthew Cramer's "In Mirror" solo exhibit at the Geo Gallery. **Matthew's reception is this Saturday, May 6, from 6p-8p.**

What is in the newsletter this month?

President's Message

Upcoming Programs

Board Nominations & Voting Information

Shows, Geo Gallery Exhibits & **Matthew Cramer's Solo Show**

Open Call for Art

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President's Message - Mimi Rossi

Hello Fellow Artists!



I was speaking with one of our members about purity. She used to be a purist, only using one medium in each of her works. Recently she began mixing mediums – watercolor, prisms, etc. to get her pieces to where she wanted them. I too have done this and go back and forth between keeping a piece "pure" and mixing mediums. I have to say, mixing gives you more freedom. I feel taking that leap takes courage. It calls us to give up control and trust the process. Have you ever had a piece that just wasn't working? Why not experiment and toss another medium into the mix. You might be pleasantly surprised!

Our Spring Show, *Hop to It!* was a lot of fun. For those who couldn't attend the opening reception, our fabulous committee added a great element with a poem and ribbons in creative categories. It went something like this...

Art that moves,
Art that grooves,
Art that gives us the blues...
Art that pops,
Art with dots,
And our namesake, art that hops!

Next up is Matthew Cramer "In Mirror" solo exhibit at the Geo Gallery. His self-portraits are a contemporary take on one of art's oldest traditions. See you at the opening reception on May 6th!

And finally, there is still time to throw your ring into the hat – the BAA Board and Committee hat! Nominate yourself, or someone that you know who would be an asset to this awesome organization - it takes a village of artists!

"Creativity takes courage."
~ Henri Matisse

Happy Cre8ing!
- Mimi Rossi

Programs - Stefanie Girard and Teresa Green

The next general membership meeting is: Wednesday, May 17, 2023

IMPORTANT BOARD VOTE MEETING

The BAA will be voting on next year's Board of Directors.
Plan on attending this important meeting, please.

Details on the candidates are listed in the next section.

Our presenter is Art Historian and Professor Katherine E. Zoraster.

Katherine will be discussing *Isabella Stewart Gardner and Her Museum*.

Isabella Stewart is an unconventional, energetic, independent, blazed trail as a socialite, art patron, and collector. In the 1890s, she and her husband, Jack, began seriously collecting art while traveling, developing a world-renown and eclectic collection. Near the end of the nineteenth century, "Mrs. Jack" began planning and designing a new home in the Fenway area of Boston to accommodate and show off her growing collection. In this course, we look at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and the immense works of art, including pieces by Titian, Johannes Vermeer, Rembrandt, John Singer Sargent, Edgar Degas, and many others.

For more information on our presenter, here is her website: <https://laafa.edu/katherine-zoraster/>

**BAA General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, May 17 at 7 p.m.**

Burbank Administrative Building,
301 E. Olive Ave, Room 102, Burbank, CA

The entrance is on the lower level at the back of the building.
Parking is on the side of the building on Olive.

If you have creative and great ideas for speakers and presenters, forward them to Stefanie and Teresa, who are always looking for recommendations. Email them directly at:

programs1@burbankartassociation.org
programs2@burbankartassociation.org

BAA Officers Nominating Committee - Jamie Butterworth, Helena Bowman & Ellie Klein

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee has succeeded in assembling a complete list of candidates for the 2023-2024 Officers and Chairmanship positions. The slate will be presented for a vote at the May 17 general meeting. We thank the following members for accepting nominations to the appointments noted:

Officers:

President – **Ellie Klein**

Vice President – **Yvonne Jongeling**

Secretary – **Allison Braaf Hardaway**

Treasurer – **Karen Sachs**

Financial Secretary – **Carol Tensen**

Financial Advisor – **Marsha Ramos**

Chairmanships:

Fall & Spring Shows - **Helena Bowman**

Geo Gallery Exhibits – **Joanna Lewis** / Co-Chair - **Stefanie Girard**

Hospitality - **Jenny Cirrincione**

Host/Greeter – **Debra Reynolds**

Membership – **Paula Quasarano**

Newsletter Editor - **Mina Ferrante** / Co-Editor – **Bryan Mahoney**

Outside Exhibits – **Cindy McHale**

Penstrokes – **Jeri Grover**

Programs – **Jamie Butterworth** / Co-Chair – **Teresa Green**

Publicity/Social Media – **Chance Raspberry** / Co-Chair - **April Cowgur**

Website – **Mimi Rossi**

Board Advisor*- **Mimi Rossi**

Member-at Large* - **Delta Mishler**

**Appointed positions*

Again, attend this important meeting, please! After the list is presented, the opportunity for further nominations from the floor for each office before voting will be given. If there is only one candidate for each office, the vote will be taken by voice or hand vote. There will be a written ballot if multiple names are submitted to any office.

ANNUAL SHOWS & GEO GALLERY EXHIBITS - Joanna Lewis

Big Spring Show - "Hop To It" at the Geo Gallery

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the big spring show. We had a great time and

congratulations to all the winners!



May GEO Show

Mark your calendar to join us again at the Geo Gallery **this Saturday, May 6th, 6-8 p.m.** for Matt Cramer's Solo Show Reception. His exhibition "In Mirror" will be up throughout May.

Matthew Cramer, born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, set up his garage studio shortly after moving to Burbank with his wife and teenage son in 2017. He has been making art and music consistently for a long time. In addition, he is a graphic design teacher at Camino Nuevo, a downtown charter high school.



He started using the self-portrait as a recurring motif while attending Pratt for graduate school in New York. This has been an ongoing idea since that time in varying intensity, along with many other themes and explorations. These self-portraits have taken on many forms: sometimes more traditional theatrical paintings, collages, and drawings, or leaning more into abstraction. In many ways, this show is 25 years in the making as Cramer has envisioned exhibitions like this one with the viewer walking from mirror to mirror, painting to drawing, and directly confronting a fellow human and the fleeting thoughts of the psyche since Grad school. This is still the driving idea behind this series of paintings and drawings.

The Jackalope Artisan Fair

We have a spot in one of Burbank's most significant art shows! And we need artists to demo their craft!

Saturday, June 3, and Sunday, June 4, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

You do not have to be there the entire time - you can sell one day or paint for a few hours. We can have three artists per day selling and 1 or 2 painting. Live painting lets people learn about our group and buy from our artists. This will be a fun community event. Join us in representing BAA.

To enter as a vendor or as an en plein air artist, contact Joanna with specific times and days you can be there at exhibits2@burbankartassociation.org.

The event is free to BAA Members, and we request that you give 10% of your sales to our group. This is how we raise money for scholarships and community projects throughout the year.

Art award winner

Congratulations to Allison Pineda Vaquero, our senior award winner at the Creative Arts Center. She was so happy and excited. We gave her a \$50 gift card at Carter Sexton and a certificate of excellence.



WATER AND FIRE



June show at The Betsy Leuke Creative Arts Center

Member **Debra Reynolds** will partner up with Kathy Itomura in June for a show at The Betsy Lueke Gallery, 1100 West Clark, Burbank. Kathy will use the pedestals to show her late husband's (Richard Itomura's) ceramics. Debra will be using the wall space for mainly watercolors and some colored pencil pieces.

The opening reception is June 3 from 2 – 4 p.m., and the exhibit closes on June 22, 2023. Stationery, prints, and originals will be for sale.

For information, visit: <http://debraadamsreynolds.com/>

Open Art Calls

Soft Art - An exhibit of the emerging world of textile art

Curators Helena Bowman and Karen Sachs invite you to submit to the **September 2023 SOFT ART - An exhibit of the emerging world of textile art** at the GEO Gallery in Glendale, CA.

This show will focus on art made of textiles, yarns, and spun and unspun fibers—the art of dolls, quilts, woven, felting, crochet, knitting, embroidery, and applique. We will accept any combination of these materials you can think of. It is unnecessary to be an expert with thread and needle to work with these soft materials. Feel free to use glue. Be experimental and innovative. Our envision of the exhibit is that the art would be hanging freely.

The maximum width of artwork is 36", please.

The artist can enter three pieces—with no submission fees. If your work is accepted into the show, a fee of \$5 per accepted entered piece will be collected at take-in to help with gallery and reception costs.

Dates to remember and add to your calendar are:

Submissions Due By: Friday, August 18 [*Reach out to Karen for submission link.*]

Acceptance Notification: Friday, August 25

Take-in: Friday, September 1, by appointment; Saturday, September 2, 10 a.m. to noon

Reception: Saturday, September 9, 5 to 7 p.m.

Closing Reception Tea: September 30, 4 to 6 p.m.

Pickup: September 30, 6 to 8 p.m.



If you have any concerns about how to display your art, or questions, contact Helena Bowman, helenasbowman@gmail.com, or Karen Sachs, karen@paintyouressence.com.

PENSTROKES - Helena Bowman



We welcome all our members to send and share information on any exciting art stuff they would like to share. These could be personal accomplishments or events you think we would be interested in. Send photos too!

Send in before the end of each month to Helena at helenasbowman@gmail.com. The email subject should read: "BAA Penstrokes"

Debra Reynolds received 3rd place in the Valley Watercolor Society April Show, for Magnolias.

We already mentioned that Debra would be in a show with Kathy Itomura on June 3 - 22 at The Betsy Leuke Creative Arts Center Gallery.



BAA member **Narine Isajanyan** recently



participated in Gallery Western's "Into Hope" show (www.gallerywestern.com)



Yvonne Yongeling's latest large scale painting, *Uitwaaien*, is included with many other amazing artworks in the "Made in California" show at the Brea Gallery, 1 Civic Center Cir, Brea, CA.

From Yvonne:

"In 'Uitwaaien: A Walk in the Wind,' I utilize the Dutch concept of uitwaaien to feel spiritual and invigorated. My acrylic brushstrokes depict collected moments from my childhood and culture, via images of flowers, handiwork, labels and historical art references. Music is an essential element of my work, and in *Uitwaaien: A Walk in the Wind*, I chose the songs 'Blow Away' by George Harrison, and 'The Pink Panther Theme' by Henry Mancini. I've invited the viewer to press the speaker button to listen to the songs while they view the painting. I chose Harrison's song because it reminds me to seek optimism. Mancini's theme reminds me of my childhood, when I practiced 'The Pink Panther' for hours on the upright piano restored by my carpenter father."

Martin Ehrlich will participate in the Sierra

Madre Art Fair May 6-7 with this piece titled "Lava Lake."

(<https://www.sierramadreartfair.org/>)

The details:

Saturday May 6---9:30AM to 5:00PM

Sunday May 7---9:30AM to 5:00PM

Memorial Park, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.,
Sierra Madre, CA

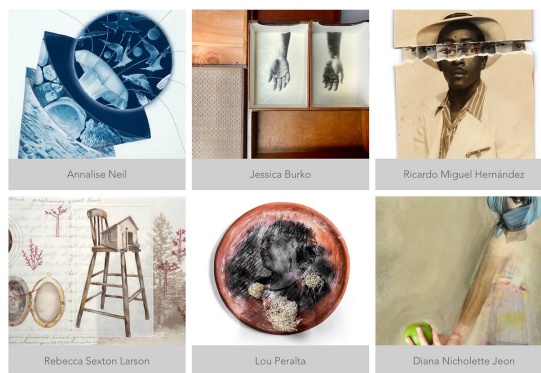


Marcy and Bryan Mahoney shared a booth for their first-ever Jackalope Pasadena artist event last weekend. This was Marcy's second book signing for her novel, "Archwilde." And Bryan's digital artwork, "A.I. Art isn't Art," went directly from the Geo Gallery in the BAA Spring Show to the back of his booth for display on the weekend. He may even have a buyer for the piece - a Jackalope attendee who collects typewriter art!

Ann Mitchell's curated "Photographers and Collage" showcase is now live and runs through June 21.

This showcase looks at six photographers who are exploring imagery through the use of collage. Juxtaposition, layering, fragmentation and the use of paint, or other media, are all collage and assemblage techniques and are a way to think outside the box and create new metaphors. These can convey emotion and other dimensions, adding depth and meaning that reach the viewer's mind at a subconscious level, allowing them to create their own narrative.

Says Ann: " This showcase was a collaboration with Amandine Nabarra, whose



Photographers and Collage

Spring of 2023

March 20th - June 21st

A showcase featuring photographers working with collage.
www.thinkingaboutphotography.com/collage

www.thinkingaboutphotography.com an online journal dedicated to expanding our ideas about photography

work was featured in my last showcase on Artists' Books. It was very interesting to work hands-on with another artist. You often are unaware of your own process until you need to walk someone else through it and I found it very invigorating."

For more information [visit this link](#).

ART CLASSES

We have several members who also teach. If you are a member who teaches art, conducts workshops, and/or have attended one that you think your fellow BAA Members would enjoy, send an email by the end of each month to news@burbankartassociation.org. Here are some upcoming classes and workshops you might want to attend:



Fun & Play while learning about YOU! - Karen Sachs

SOUL EXPRESSION is on May 7. Join a bunch of Creative Souls creating art, organizing, cooking...whatever you want to do with your time. Free and virtual [Sign up for here](#).

PAINT YOUR ESSENCE: Embark on a journey of self-discovery this year with the Paint Your Essence Workshop - where becoming "transparent" means allowing your true inner light to shine through. Becoming Transparent means no more hiding. It's time to let our inner voice take center stage and for the truth about ourselves to become loud and clear! When you sign up for Paint Your Essence, you're committing to exploring who you truly are through the art you create. The next workshop is on May 14, 1-3:30 p.m. [You can register here](#).

Art Classes by Jamie Butterworth

Check out Jamie's website for her upcoming classes and workshops at: <http://www.jamiebutterworthart.com>.

BAA Sponsors

Carter Sexton Artist Materials, a family-owned business since 1944, is located at 5308 Laurel Canyon Blvd. in North Hollywood. They always have artists



working at the store and the staff are friendly and full of tips and advice. No matter what you're looking for, if they don't have it, they will do their best to find it for you. Be sure to stop into Carter Sexton the next time you need art supplies. Tell them you are a BAA member and thank them for their sponsorship. For lots more information, visit their website at <https://www.cartersextan.com/>.

The Burbank Art Association is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization. Our mission is to stimulate and encourage creative expression and showcase our members' talents. Artists of all ages and skill levels are welcome to join—sponsorships and donations to the BAA help fund exhibits, awards, and student scholarships. Your gift will have a tremendous impact by keeping our organization thriving and serving its community. If you or someone you know would like to become a sponsor, please contact us through our website at: www.burbankartassociation.org.

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